

# ARKANSAS BLACK HISTORY



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Everette Lynn Harris was born on June 20, 1955, in Flint, Michigan. At the age of three, Harris' mother moved with her children to Little Rock, Arkansas (Pulaski County). During his childhood, E. Lynn Harris gravitated to books written by pioneers like James Baldwin and Maya Angelou. In 1973, Harris graduated from Hall High School in Little Rock. He went on to attend the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, where he became the first Black male cheerleader. He graduated with his Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism in 1977. Throughout his early life, Harris kept his sexual orientation hidden, but his writing provided a therapeutic outlet, giving him the power to tell his story. Harris authored many books before his death in 2009. Today, E. Lynn Harris' books provide a contemporary exploration of Black literature and provide a framework for upcoming writers of our day.



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